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Title: Object-Based Storage  
Device with Improved  
Reliability and Fast Crash  
Recovery

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF  
July 18, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of July 18, 2006, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.